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Brian Newquist exchanges job-hunting tips with Morenike Kassim during the 1L cattle call in Room 200.

## HONEY, I SHRUNK THE FACULTY

Professor Shortage Wreaks Havoc on Student Schedules, Summer Starters Take Brunt

BY KRIS LENART,  
RG CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Although course registration is often a hectic and confusing time, this semester was harder than usual for some students. The source of the problems? Almost twice as many students registered for E.O. this semester as there were spaces, and it was recently announced that Ethics may not be offered this Fall. This wreaked severe havoc on many schedules, but hopefully help is on the way, and at least steps can be taken to prevent the confusion from recurring in the future.

*The Problem with E.O.*

Enterprise Organizations is taken by many students as a bread-and-butter corporate law course, even if they have no serious intention of practicing in the area. For many other people, however,

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## CAREER SERVICES' NEW FALL SEASON:

How'd it Go? Too Soon to Know.

BY JASON SANDERS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the 1L job hunt begins in earnest, the 2L and 3L job hunt seems to be mostly winding down. The question then becomes: how'd it go for all you 2Ls and 3Ls? Lots of time and money was poured into career services over the last year. However, according to Carla Sally, the Assistant Director of Career Services, "it's too early to tell" how successful this year's candidates were. Ms. Sally, who has seen the ebb and flow of the Michigan Law School job search over the last 24 years, says that because most people haven't filled out the forms of where they are going to be working, the Office of Career Ser-

vices isn't able to gauge students' success rates. "We don't get that kind of feedback," said Tammy Sindlinger, Career Services Assistant.

According to Ms. Sally it's rarely boom or bust, it's usually an even keel for students finding jobs. This year 657 firms signed up to interview on campus. While better than last year, it doesn't rival the boom years of the mid-80's when 900 firms would sign up to interview. Bonnie Kulp, Career Services Coordinator was one of the few to take a guess at students' success. She

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## Roe Anniversary Sparks Controversy

Christian Law Students Group Takes Exception to Use of Hutchins Blackboards to Advertise Abortion Rights Celebration

BY MICHAEL SACHS,  
RG NEWS AND POLITICS EDITOR

For many students at Michigan Law School, the 24th anniversary of the Supreme Court's controversial *Roe v. Wade* decision (January 22) which legalized abortion was a day of celebration. A day to commemorate Justice Harry Blackmun's famous opinion that gave women the right to secure an abor-

tion in all 50 states.

But, not every group was so happy.

The Christian Law Students' members are by and large pro-life. They see *Roe* as a terrible decision that legalized an act which many of them believe constitutes murder.

That's why several CLS members were furious on January 22nd when

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they noticed that a law students' group had placed advertisements for a *Roe v. Wade* celebration on blackboards all across the school. The advertisements had been placed on the day of January 22nd and were gone by the next morning, but CLS President Jennifer Jordan believed that the damage had been done.

"We have no problem if the advertising was done in the hallways on flyers," said 2L Jordan. "But, when they're on the blackboards, it seems as if the school is endorsing the celebration." Jordan added that blackboard announcements are usually reserved for content-neutral activities such as Law School Student Senate meetings and administrative announcements.

Along with another student, Jordan went to the office of Dean Susan Eklund to complain. According to Jordan, they were told by a school administrator that the advertisement on the blackboards was a violation of school regulations.

The announcements may have been written by the law school student organization "Students for Reproductive Choice," but the co-chairs of that

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organization did not return phone calls.

The incident may be small in the scheme of things, but many religious Christians at the Law School see it as just another occasion in which the school—knowingly or not—has shown bias or prejudice against people of faith.

Other gripes by CLS members include lack of bulletin board space in the basement, vandalism done to the CLS board during last semester, and several jokes in the *RG* humor pages that were considered offensive to Christians.

As of press time, no response was received from administrators contacted for this story.



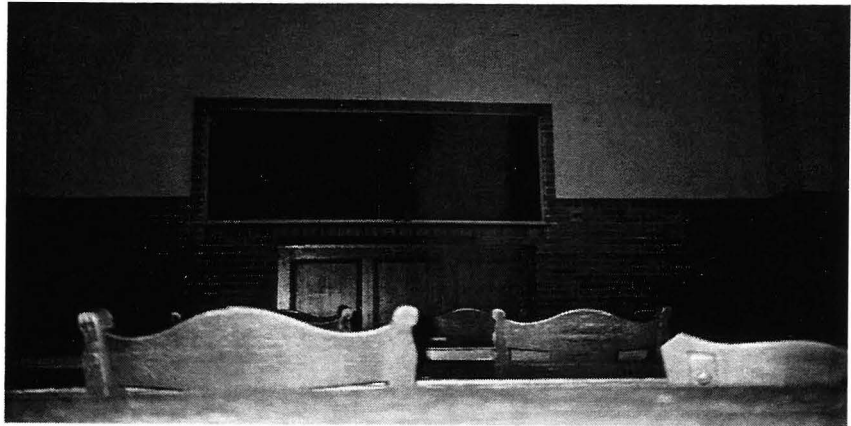
## Havoc

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E.O. is a stepping stone to upper-level corporate law courses such as Securities Regulation and Corporate Finance. These are the people who are most inconvenienced by the registration overload, but according to Kaye Castro, Di-

stration, Professor Orts was convinced to move the class to a larger room which would accommodate around 10 more students. However, according to Ms. Castro, "he had grave concerns that the students would not be properly educated" in larger classes.

Some upperclass students who did



*Hmmm, looks like something's missing...*

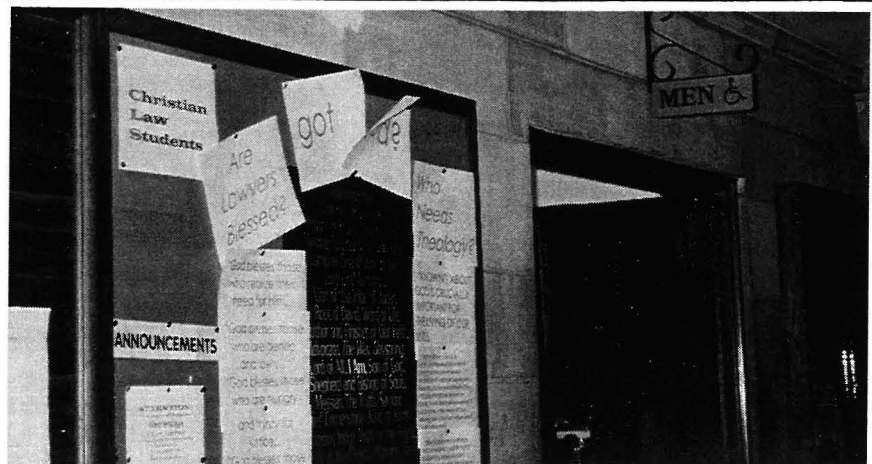
rector of Academic Services and Registrar, the faculty has agreed to soften the rules on pre-requisites and allow E.O. to be taken concurrently with the upper-level courses.

One reason for the overload, according to Dean Eklund, was that when Merritt Fox agreed to teach E.O. last fall, his schedule required that the class be moved to Thursday and Friday mornings. This time turned out to be inconvenient for many upperclass students who needed to use the weekend for interviews, so many students dropped the course figuring that they could take it in the winter. When the shortage became apparent during reg-

istration, Professor Orts was convinced to move the class to a larger room which would accommodate around 10 more students. However, according to Ms. Castro, "he had grave concerns that the students would not be properly educated" in larger classes.

If you registered for E.O. but did not get it this semester, according to Ms. Castro, "you will have no problem getting into one of the fall sections." She retained a list of everyone who tried but failed to get into the class. Two sections are tentatively planned for this fall,

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*Is this systematic treatment?*

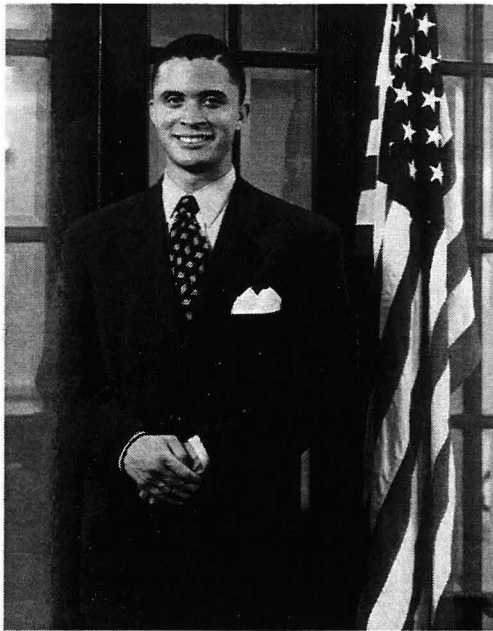
## A Conversation with Congressman and Alumnus Harold E. Ford, Jr.

BY MICHAEL SACHS, RG NEWS & POLITICS EDITOR

He's a United States Congressman who's met President Clinton and had many long conversations with Vice President Al Gore. This year, he will be voting on billions of dollars of funds for education, defense, and welfare for legal immigrants. In the primaries, he defeated the popular mayor of a large, metropolitan city.

And, last year at this time, he was sitting in Professor Rick Pildes's Voting Rights class — counting the days until he would graduate.

On January 7th, Harold Ford Jr. — who graduated from Michigan Law School less than nine months ago — was sworn in as a Democratic freshman congressman from Tennessee's 3rd District. At 26 years old, Ford was by far the youngest congressman in his class. And, though the records have not been completely checked, he may be the second youngest congressman in the history of America.



1996 Michigan Grad and Tennessee Congressman Harold E. Ford, Jr.

Ford wasn't just a lucky fellow who stepped into the right situation. His father — also named Harold E. Ford — held the same seat in Congress from 1975 until this January. The seat went right from father to son.

"My opponents tried to use my age and my dad against me in the campaign," said Ford in a telephone interview. He ran against the mayor of Memphis in the primary. "They called me 'Junior' in a negative way. But we ran with the 'Junior' theme." Ford says he placed the word "Junior" in all of his campaign literature and advertisements.

His key political slogan was the "New Vision" — Ford describes it as a new generation of voices and perspectives,

including assistance from the private sector and the religious community.

Of course, Ford had exposure to politics at a very young age and he credits such exposure with the early success of his political career. "I remember that I was four years old when my dad was sworn in as a congressman. I didn't even know what he did, but I knew that I wanted to do it." He served as a Special Assistant on the 1992 Clinton Transition team and as an aide to the Senate Budget Committee under ex-Tennessee Senator Jim Sasser. He also worked under the leadership of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown.

Ford learned the value of beginning relationships with people, and how "in order to get something done, you need people to vote with you."

He'd been thinking about running for his father's seat for a long time, but started getting very serious after the 1994 elections. During his last semester in law school, Ford would get out of his Corporate Finance class at noon on Fridays

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## TALES FROM THE HALL

BY LARRY SAGER  
RG CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

The Bizzaro world is where everything is the opposite of what it's supposed to be in the "regular" world. How many students felt like that during finals? No names here, but all of the semester's grades did *not* get posted on time. How many \$250 fines were handed out? Room 300 won't say. And who were those three people sucking helium out of the balloons at the Winter Ball?

The battle wages on at the law school library. First, there was the petition to exclude those snack-eating, coke-drinking undergrads from the east wing. The current battle is between those who think that sub-1, sub-2, and sub-3 are too hot and those who think the temperature is too cold. So far, the

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too-hots have it. Rumor has it the library will be importing piranhas to go with the tropical plants that are in full bloom. The high temperature is conducive to keeping the leaky ceiling in the star-trek room from flooding. "It's so hot in here," commented one trekkie, "that the water evaporates before it can accumulate." Margaret Leary claims the temperature is a mild 72 degrees. But, that's with the wind-chill . . .

Congratulations to Brian Newquist and Professor Clark: Going on six weeks of clean living, kicking the nicotine weed.

Another fun-filled "game night" at the Lehmans. Pictionary, puzzles, chocolates, and refreshments. If you haven't been invited yet . . . YOU

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summed it up with the bold prediction that "it was a good season." Although tempering that statement by pointing out that the Office doesn't yet know who has jobs and who doesn't, she said that this year presented more opportunities for students. Susan Kalb Weinberg, Director of Career Services, dared to go a little further, calling it "a strong fall season." She was quick to note, however, that "it doesn't matter how strong it is for the people who don't get jobs."

*Market Generally Improving —  
Although No Hot Area*

Ms. Kulp noted that this year seemed to provide a better market for law students. She noted that salaries are increasing at firms for the first time since 1991, so something is going on, but she didn't venture a guess at what or why. All who work in Career Services seemed to agree that this year there wasn't any particularly hot market, as for example, Washington D.C. was the hot market last year. Two markets which seemed to be getting more interest, however, are the Michigan and the California markets, according to Ms. Weinberg.

### *Jobs Still Open*

Ms. Weinberg was surprised by Michigan's inability to hire one more Career Services Counselor. [Michigan unable to hire? Imagine that. — Eds.] Ms. Weinberg noted that the school was looking for someone with a J.D. and a few years of experience at a law firm to

help students on things such as resume and cover letter writing. The problem was that Michigan wasn't willing to pay the salary it would take to get that person. So the position was turned down by those to whom it was offered.

The school is also looking into hiring "peer counselors." These would be 2Ls and 3Ls who would give mock interviews and job hunting advice to 1Ls. The 1Ls would be matched up with 2Ls and 3Ls who have experience in the geographic or legal area of interest of the 1Ls.

Weinberg, thousands of dollars in telephone and fax bills have been rung up over the last few months. Ms. Weinberg noted that although "maybe there's not a net change in getting jobs, it's making it easier for students to do the work." The main emphasis was making the lives of students easier, and allowing them to be more thorough in their search, said Ms. Sindlinger. According to Ms. Kulp, students also seemed to like the ability to screen potential interviewers though the Employer Qualification Profile [GPA Book].

### *But Did It Help?*



*Students explore the resources of the reworked Career Services Office. Looking good, but did it help?*

That's exactly what we want to know. On the next page, please find a short survey which will be used to evaluate the success rates of Michigan students, and hopefully the reasons why. It is important that everyone give a shot at filling it out. It is through this survey that Career Services and future students in their job

hunts will be able to better their efforts.

### *Lots of Changes*

One main difference was this year's job search began earlier. This made for a rocky start, according to Lewander Davis, Career Services Advisor. Ms. Davis noted that the early start made it difficult for students to get ready quickly, but that it also allowed students to get to see firms before they could claim that they had filled all their summer associate positions.

Other changes, such as the phone and fax machines, seem to have been thoroughly used. According to Ms.

There is a lot of information which we would all like to have:

- Is home-state advantage important?
- What percent of students got jobs through room 200?
- Is it mainly a GPA game?
- How hard is it for third-year students to get job offers?
- How tailored should a third-year search be?





## RG JOB SEARCH SURVEY

THE *RES GESTAE* HOPES THAT ALL SECOND AND THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS WILL FILL OUT THIS SURVEY. It is **ANONYMOUS** and therefore asks for information, such as GPA, which many of us do not share with others. However, it is this information which is crucial to the survey. Because most of us will not talk about this one on one, it is through the anonymous survey that statistical significance can be found. It only works, though, if students with the full spectrum of GPA and success rates fill it out. Thank you all for your time and help.

**PLEASE USE BACK OF SURVEY WHEREVER NECESSARY.**

- (1) Current year: ☐ 2nd year; ☐ 3rd year
- (2) Job sought: ☐ permanent job; ☐ summer clerkship
- (3) Have you currently accepted a position? ☐ yes; ☐ no

If yes, did you attain the position through:

- ☐ (1) your own efforts
- ☐ (2) Room 200
- ☐ (3) Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not interview in Room 200 this past fall, please skip to question 6.

- (4) What is your home state(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Approximately how many on-campus interviews did you have for each city and how many call back interviews and firm offers did you receive? (use back of survey if necessary)

	City	# of interviews	# of callbacks	# of offers
a)	_____	_____	_____	_____
b)	_____	_____	_____	_____
c)	_____	_____	_____	_____

- (6) What was your GPA last fall? \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) Please check if you have or participate in any of the following:
- ☐ advanced degree                      ☐ law review
- ☐ other journal membership              ☐ significant extra-curricular activities
- ☐ other activities/background that you believe affected (positively or negatively) your job search: (please use back)
- (8) Was there any particular area of law you were targeting? (please use back for #8-12)
- (9) What advice can you give to 2nd or 3rd year students about the job hunt?
- (10) Was your job search easier or more difficult than you expected? Why?
- (11) Is there anything that you know now about the interview process that would have been helpful to know earlier?
- (12) What constructive suggestions would you give to Career Services?

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## O p i n i o n

### The State of the Union: Liable On All Counts

What were you doing last Tuesday night? Did you watch the State of the Union address or the verdict? Did you switch back and forth? Whether or not you agree with the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial, you have to agree that last Tuesday presented a rare opportunity to observe American culture.

Two opposing yet similar images—the President, addressing the nation about the “state of the union,” versus the verdict of the year in the trial of the decade. The President’s speech had already been moved back a day so it wouldn’t conflict with the Miss USA Pageant, and the newscasters relayed with some surprise that the President would not delay his speech until after the verdict.

They are actually two fairly ridiculous images, the President and Simpson trials. We view both of them as perversions of once-sacred American institutions. We associate the Office of the President with corruption and deception; we view O.J.’s trial as the ultimate miscarriage of justice (one verdict or the other).

The public has used the O.J. case to justify its general dissatisfaction with the

### OUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE JUSTICE SYSTEM PARALLEL OUR FEELINGS ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS CORRUPT, IMMORAL, AND BANKRUPT.

American legal system. We believe that juries are arbitrary; that they convict or acquit based on sex or race or money or whim. Doing something stupid like holding a hot cup of coffee in your lap can bring in a better windfall than the lottery. Because a man is a racist, he planted evidence. Because a man abused his wife, he murdered her.

Perhaps we like our justice better outside the courtroom, where we can justify bringing in all of our prejudices and fears. Is this idea more comforting than having our own people, our juries, use our system in a way that contradicts our instincts or values?

Our feelings about the justice system parallel our feelings about our government, which we believe is corrupt, immoral, and bankrupt. We no longer see juries as representative of our “peers,” just as we no longer believe that our government truly represents our concerns. We subscribe to the edict: Trust No One. We do not trust the politicians whom we have empowered to make laws, the agencies which enforce the law, or the juries which interpret the law.

We must remember at times like these that we chose these systems of justice and politics to protect us from ourselves, from our basest instincts. O.J. Simpson and his juries and the President are us, epitomizing everything that we love and hate about ourselves. We can’t disown them because we have made them what they are. As citizens and future lawyers, if we dislike the results, we must carefully consider how and why we vote, how and why we practice. Hopefully, we can help and not hurt the relationship between the public and the justice system, and work to change these institutions and/or the public perception of them so that they can remind us of the strengths, not the weaknesses of our country.

## Ford

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and run to the airport to catch a 3:30 flight back to Memphis. Even though he didn't announce his candidacy until April 13th, there was a lot of background and organizational work that had to be done.

"It was a great challenge," said Ford. "I really neglected my studies."

What does Ford think of Michigan Law School now that he's gone?

"I really enjoyed law school. We're blessed to have that kind of faculty."

Ford distinctly remembers other students scurrying for choice seats in Professor St. Antoine's Contracts class at 8:00 a.m. during his first year, and also taking Professor Weston for Criminal Law. And, though he never had a class with Professor Friedman, his name came to mind during our interview: "A good guy."

His hardest class? At first, Congressman Ford bluntly replies "Tax," but after a few more moments of thought: "Property! I don't know a doggone thing about property!"

Ford also added that he'll never forget that he raised his first three thousand dollars in his run for Congress from his fellow students. "I'll always be grateful."

But, the congressman doesn't have as kind a word for Ann Arbor as he does for the law school. "I remember how cold it was, how persistently cold!"

As a freshman Congressman, Ford wants his main emphasis to be on education. He's gained a seat on Education and Workforce Committee, and also on the Post-Secondary Education and Oversight and Investigation Sub-Committees.

Because of his love for the education issue, he was a big fan of President Clinton's State of the Union Address — in which Clinton spent over 15 minutes speaking about education and calling it the number one priority of his second term in office. "Let him run with it," said Ford. He took issue with those who think that Clinton has moved too far to the right, and quoted Clinton as saying, "we won't allow people to fend for themselves."

And, what about the Vice-President? VP Gore is a Tennessean like Ford, and the two have met many times before and during Gore's time in the Administration. Will Ford support him in 2000 for the Presidency?

Coyly, Ford points out that Gore has not announced that he is running for the White House, but does add, "I think it's safe to say he'll have a friend in Tennessee's 9th District."

Ford says that he's a strong believer in the value of public service. "There's a misperception about what public service means. It's much more profound than kissing babies and shaking hands." He, of course, urged students to get involved. "There's nothing evil about public service."

Ford's long-term goals? His political ambitions? After all, he is younger than almost any other national legislator in history.

The 26-year-old congressman, getting ready to work late into the evening for the second night in a row, laughs off such talk. "I just want to be a good dad."



*As his face book mug shot proves, just last year U.S. Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. was merely another law student schlepping books around the bowels of Hutchins with the rest of us.*

## Fun and Felony in the Fla. Sun

BY JOHN MOLEND  
SPECIAL TO THE RG

*Mr. Molenda is spending his otherwise frigid Winter Semester at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Jacksonville, FL.*

If you need an escape from class and want to have one of the most interesting experiences of your life, I highly recommend a semester away at an externship. As a 2L, who often found class to be quite soporific, I realized that getting off campus and going to work for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida was the best move I could ever make.

I've learned as much in one month of the externship as I have in over a year in law school. In a typical week, I go to court at least twice, I spend time in legal strategy sessions with the attorneys, and I write legal memoranda. Needless to say, I'm always working on something interesting. I enjoy going to court the most; as one attorney put it, you see a "parade of circus freaks."

For those of you who like New York

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City, the courtroom is just like home. I recently finished a response to a series of motions by a whacko (ironically named Mr. Law) who wants to represent himself because his court-appointed attorney is a member of the bar, a secret subversive organization. Eventually I may get to work on something regarding the "Rainbow People" who often prefer to go naked instead of wearing clothes. While the naked part could cre-

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WILL BE. Meanwhile, in Ypsilanti: the Dean's Bizzaro Game Night. No invitation needed, a \$20 cover charge for students: blackjack, craps, slave-back-gammon, roulette, marijuana brownies, vodka on tap, buffed male strippers, and a Madonna lookalike serving hors d'oeuvres in a French maid's costume. Fun for all.

Firsts: Professor Soper uses Monty Python to support the Restatement, 2d., Contracts on offer and acceptance. The knights who say "Neecht" would be proud.

And, students with a knack for constitutional law are searching the First Amendment to see just where Neal Plotkin's name appears. He is currently "monitoring the student e-mail groups."

Coming soon: Native American Law Day to be held in March. This event starts off the Ann Arbor Pow Wow weekend, on one of the largest pow wows in the United States. Don't miss it.

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Can law students flush? John Van Horn wants to know why the men's bathroom suddenly looks like a pack of wild boars from the fraternity house have rampaged through. And what's with the "gaskets" and toilet paper piled on top of every toilet seat apparently as a barrier to prevent syphilis?

Overheard in the hallway: *Just because he's using a paddle doesn't mean it's not sexual.* (Are professors paddling the students again?)

Professor Miller on gender roles and the scarcity of women: *There are species of fish where the female is huge and the male is tiny — basically a sperm sac with eyes and fins . . . some of them just attach themselves to the female.* If you look around at the 1Ls, you can see the same phenomenon.



## Havoc

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so this time there will hopefully be enough spaces for everyone who wants to get in.

### Lacking Ethics?

Three weeks into this semester, near the end of the drop/add period, second-year summer starters were notified by the Registration Office that Ethics would probably not be offered in the Fall '97 term. If they had not yet fulfilled the requirement and planned to graduate next December, students would have to switch their current classes or plan to take the short course offered this August.

Jeff King, an LSSS Representative and second-year summer starter, tells the RG that at least 30 students were affected. The situation arose, according to Mr. King, because "summer starters were led to believe by the Registration Office

that Ethics would be available every term until we graduated." However, Kaye Castro states that "the Registration Office can never guarantee that a particular course will be offered in a particular term." This disparity is what has led to the current controversy.

Students must fulfill two different requirements for Ethics—the school's requirement for graduation and the requirements of whatever state bar the student plans to take. The school's requirement is now fulfilled for all first-year fall starters through the Bridge Week program, which sometimes fulfills the state bar requirement as well. According to Mr. King, the Law School Student Senate has been concerned over the past two years that use of the Bridge Week program to fulfill the ethics requirement would de-emphasize it and lead to fewer classes being offered in the area.

Unfortunately, states Dean Eklund, "no one on the faculty currently teaches in the area of ethics." [You can only teach what you know. —Eds.] Dean Whitman is currently trying to find someone to teach Ethics in the fall, but no one is yet lined up. Mr. King, however, feels that "ethics is something that every professor should be qualified to teach. It is disgraceful that one of them doesn't come forward, or that the school doesn't force people to teach what is needed. This is just another way that student needs are being ignored."

To the affected second-year students, all of the available options seem dismal. At the time they were informed

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of the situation, three weeks of the Winter term had gone by. Mr. King feels that "to ask people to switch classes three weeks into the term is just unfair." Books can't be returned after three weeks, and students would have already missed three weeks of Ethics.

Another option is to take the short summer class, which offers its own set of problems. Students must leave jobs at least three weeks early, forgoing the income they could have earned and paying nearly \$4,000 (out-of-state) tuition instead. It is also difficult to find accommodations during that time, since the Lawyers' Club is not open and most leases in town start just after the class period.

David Baum, Special Assistant to the Associate Dean, states that the administration was somewhat surprised at the response to the summer course, because they "didn't think it would be such an unattractive offering." Some students have arranged to take Ethics through independent study with Professor Agrawal, an option which Mr. King feels was "very gracious" for her to offer.

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—THE **ONLY** RESPONSE TO OUR CRY FOR HELP—

**Last issue we asked you all to submit ideas for improving Course Evaluations. Thanks for the input!!!**

# Teaching Evaluation

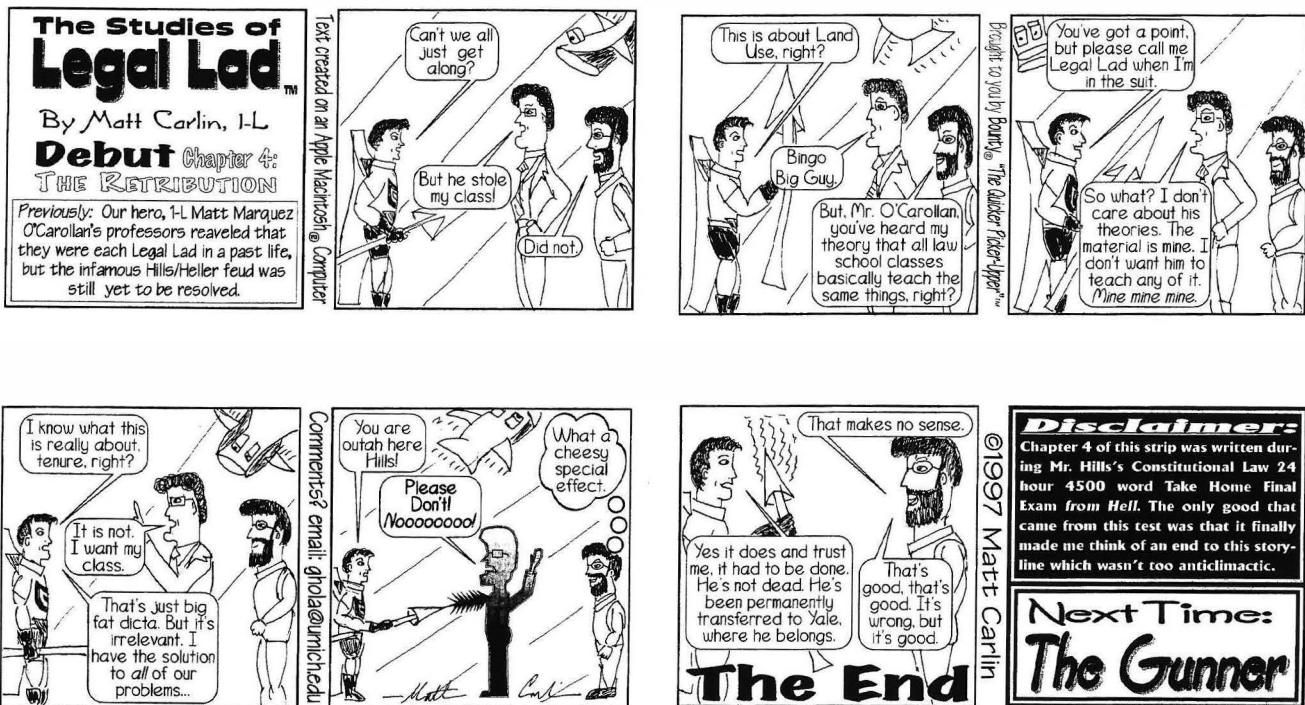
To be placed in Student's Pendaflex after grades are received.

Professor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Course \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Year in School	1L	2L	3L	LLM
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Grade in Class	A	B	C	D	Pass
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1. To whom would you recommend this Professor?  
a) Only a gunner  
c) My worst enemy  
b) My best friend  
d) Satan
2. I would recommend taking this class . . .  
a) for a grade.  
b) pass/fail.  
c) out to be shot.
3. Was the average daily assignment appropriate for the number of credits received?  
a) Is it ever?  
c) Only J.J. would think so!  
b) I dreamed it, and still couldn't keep up.  
d) Umm, assignments?
4. How was the book?  
a) Great paperweight.  
c) Good aerodynamics.  
b) The professor got his/her royalties.  
d) I took it to the bathroom with me.
5. Which course materials did you purchase?  
a) Books/Coursepack  
c) Hornbook  
b) Commercial Outline  
d) Other
6. Which course materials did you actually use?  
a) My magic 8-ball  
c) Comic Books  
b) Roommate's Outline  
d) Vodka
7. How interesting was the class?  
a) Interesting.  
c) Even the professor fell asleep.  
b) Bearable.  
d) Not as interesting as sleeping late.
8. How interesting was the teacher?  
a) We will be married in June.  
c) Bearable  
e) Sadistic — we will be married in May.  
b) Interesting  
d) Sadistic
9. Would you suggest waiting for a visiting professor?  
a) God, yes!  
c) We have something besides visiting professors?  
b) Why chance it?
10. The final exam was consistent with . . .  
a) course content  
b) book  
c) lectures  
d) my theory that I was in the wrong exam room.
11. What was the most helpful study aid?  
a) Borrowed outline (circa 1972)  
b) Commercial outline  
d) Neighbor's test  
c) Books/lecture notes  
e) Vodka
12. What kind of motivation did this class give you?  
a) Shoot the professor  
c) Shoot yourself  
b) Shoot the gunner



## Havoc

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Ms. Castro urges students to contact the state bar as soon as they know which exam they will be taking, and even to check into the requirements of any state which they believe they may want to practice in so that they can make appropriate curriculum decisions. Phone numbers for each of the state bars are posted on a bulletin board in Room 300. Also, Mr. Baum warns students that the requirements often change and schools are not notified of the changes. He says regarding state bar requirements, students should "get on top of it and stay on top of it."

This semester, however, the affected students are left in a very frustrating position. The worst part of the problem, states Mr. King, is that "this was something that could have easily been avoided, if the notice had just been sent out three weeks earlier."

### Long-term Solutions

Longterm solutions to these regis-

tration problems are hopefully in the works. According to Ms. Castro, the Registration Office hopes to have a very tentative two-year schedule available this spring to aid students in long-term planning. With this schedule, says Mr. Baum, "students should be able to make a tentative roadmap of the rest of their law school curriculum."

Also, both situations are in part a result of a problem which plagues the Law School—a shortage of professors in certain areas. Since Joel Seligman left the school and Professor Vining is on sabbatical this year, there is a serious shortage of professors to teach Corporate Law classes. Also, according to Mr. Baum, "most law schools don't have an ethics specialist on the faculty." Hopefully, the faculty hiring committee will direct their efforts to these areas to help the school better meet the curriculum needs of the students.



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# BLANKS' CULTURE CORNER

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## Retro Medley

Well boys and girls, it's time for another Blanks' music review. The subject for this week's musings was inspired by the rerelease of *Star Wars* after its twenty-year hiatus. In the retro, nostalgic spirit of the times, I decided to dig through my closet at home, past the Spuds McKenzie calendar, the pet rock, the parachute pants and the polyester leisure suits, to find the music that I listened to when I was in high school. Boy, is some of it embarrassing. But, in the interest of providing you, my faithful audience, with a few cheap laughs, I've decided to publicly abase myself.

### Worst things found in my music collection:

#### **KLF *The White Room***

Bleh. There's nothing like relentlessly pounding techno beats and "clever" samples to provide endless hours of musical bliss. I think that I bought this just because the first track, "What Time is Love?" starts out with a sample of the old MC5 tune, "Kick out the Jams." Also, I think that I was trying to impress some chick with my hip awareness of the up and coming music of the era. Hmm. Little has changed.

#### ***The Big Easy Soundtrack***

The other worthwhile and interesting songs on this compilation are destroyed by one horrible, awful thing. Dennis Quaid sings. Enough said. However, the version of "Colinda" by Zachary Richard and the version of "Tipitina" by Professor Longhair are really quite spectacular, and worth a listen. I liked zydeco then, and I like it now.

#### **Skinny Puppy- *Rabies***

Yes, believe it or not, I too was an angry, sullen young man. In all honesty, I don't think that I ever actually liked this tape, but I kept listening to it because nothing was more effective at pissing off my folks. I particularly like "Hexonxonx", which is the lads' way of gently poking fun at Exxon for that minor mishap in Alaska. This is great to fall asleep to—produces lots of weird dreams.

#### **New Order- *Substance***

During my depressed, angst-ridden days, this, Joy Division, and the Cure were staples in my tape deck. Oh, I know, the music really isn't bad, but I can't listen to it any more, because I remember what a giant doofus I was during those days. (Although I still like "Bizarre Love Triangle"—so sue me).

#### **And the grand loser is . . .**

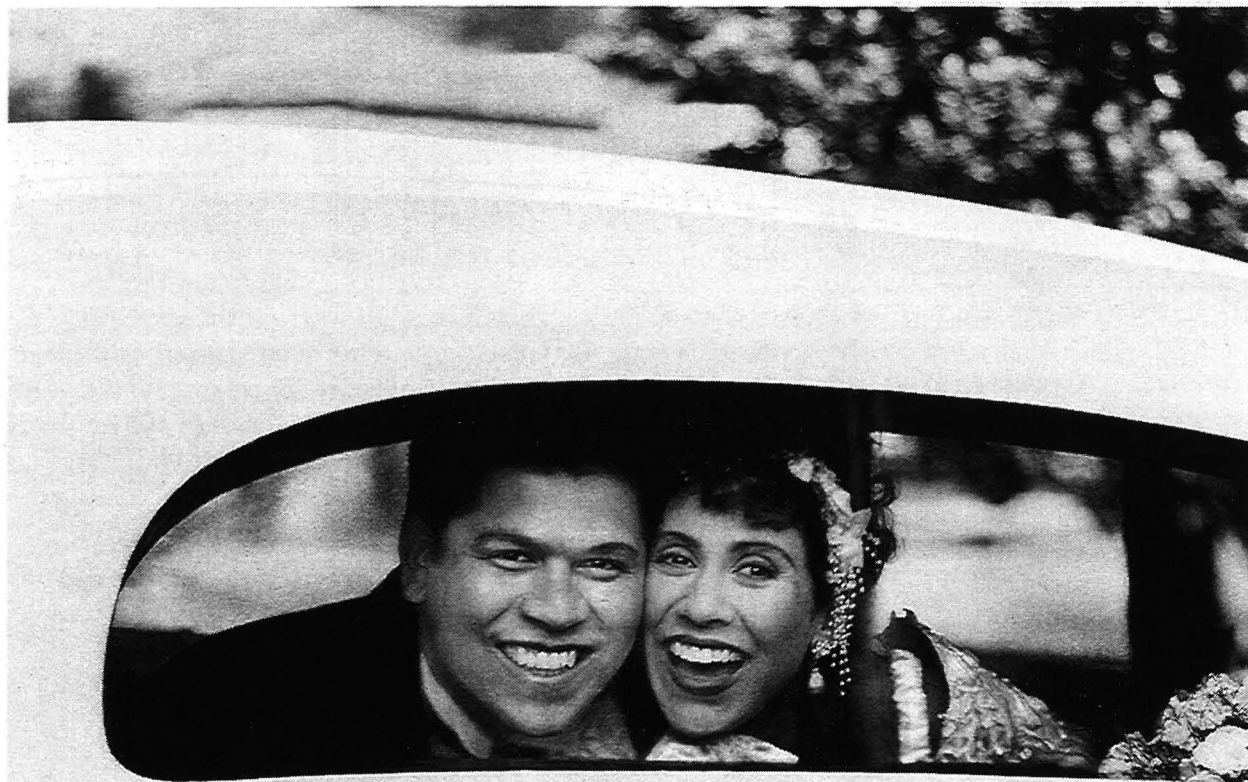
(No, not *Yanni's Greatest Hits*, contrary to what you might have heard.)

#### **The Dickies- *Great Dictations***

For those of you who aren't familiar with this band, they were a punk band back in the late 70's- early 80's, basically nondescript except for their cover tunes, which really set them apart from the rest of the pack. For example, imagine if you will a cover of the Moody Blues' "Nights in White Satin" played with thrash guitars about 10 times faster than the original. As an added bonus, they also covered "Eve of Destruction," and the "Sounds of Silence" in the same vein. Yum! I'm not entirely sure what I was thinking when I bought this thing, and what's worse, I remember listening to this several times during my high school career. It's possible that I was not getting enough oxygen to my brain.

Well, I hope that you've enjoyed this exploration into the sordid corners of my musical past. With any luck, next time I'll get to go through Sanders' collection and see what he's been hiding. My money says there's at least one Bay City Rollers record in his past somewhere....but we'll see.





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## COMMENTARY

# Back Up Against The Wall

By MARK J. BUTLER

Human nature causes most of us to avoid dredging up memories of unpleasant and painful experiences. Although I am no different than most, for several reasons I feel compelled to revisit the controversy surrounding the reaction to the attack on Professor Jones last winter term.

For those students who are not aware of what transpired I will recount the events. During last years spring break an unknown individual or group wrote a racially bigoted message on the wall outside of Professor Jones' office. Word of this heinous act spread throughout the law school and engendered reactions ranging from disappointment to rage. A group of students, self-styled as The Ad Hoc Committee

on Race and Gender, decided to seize the day and take advantage of the emotionally charged situation to propound their views concerning the social atmosphere at the law school.

It was the Ad Hoc Committee's opinion that the law school's institutional structures harbor and nourish an atmosphere hostile to racial minorities, women and homosexuals. They made this clear by publishing a list of demands of the administration and faculty. These demands included implementing goals for hiring more faculty members whose physical attributes or sexual identities marked them as members of traditionally under represented

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## ERRATA

The last issue of the *RG* (Vol. 47, No. 6) quoted departing Associate Dean Kent Syverud in expressing his unceasing surprise at the ability of Michigan students to achieve great things when given the opportunity. Well, apparently Kent was not among the throng of the *RG*'s readership – the article bemoaning his departure misspelled his last name innumerable times. This most grievous and unfortunate error occurred during what we at the *RG* like to think of as the "editing process" and was in no way the fault of the writer, Larry Sager.

The same issue did not include a corrections box. Had it done so, it would have noted that just about everything in the prior issue was wrong.

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## Butler

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groups. The logic implicit in these demands was that the presence of such individuals on the faculty will result in a more inclusive and harmonious environment.

As well as publishing their demands, the committee created The Wall. One can only speculate as to its original purpose: to provide individuals with a venue to vent their anger over past slights, to engender support for their cause by publicly documenting instances representative of the hostile environment, or to exacerbate an already tense situation in the hopes of leveraging concessions from the administration and faculty. Whatever the purpose, the results have been, at best, mixed. Before The Wall, female stu-

dents accounted for approximately fifty percent of each incoming class. The number of female students in this year's class is well below forty percent. Before The Wall the administration and faculty had recently hired several tenure-track faculty members, including a black male, a woman, and an openly homosexual male. Over the past ten months, there have been no new tenure track faculty hires of any race, sex, or sexual identity, in spite of the desperate need to fill between eight and ten such positions. When presented with these realities, several individuals responsible for The Wall have attempted to justify its existence by claiming that it at least sparked debate. Unfortunately, this is simply not true.

Before The Wall, the law school community was beginning to engage in

an open and frank discussion concerning what are very sensitive and emotionally charged issues. After The Wall any real possibility for an honest discussion was lost. Herein lies my reason for revisiting the episode. The attack on Professor Jones was an outrage, but the real tragedy was the lost opportunity to acknowledge and deal with the problems that unfortunately continue to undermine and poison our society. By publicly acknowledging the mistake that was The Wall, my hope is that people will avoid similar pitfalls in the future.

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*As always, the RG encourages the submission of articles and student commentary.*



## Crockett

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ate a problem (i.e., how do you apprehend someone when there is nothing to grab onto except their extremities?), the real problem is that these people also don't like showers, either. Perhaps it's most analogous to walking into the Ann Arbor post office at around 3 p.m.

On a more serious note, this externship has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life. I've enjoyed researching the intricacies of criminal procedure and criminal law, and I've received an incredible amount of time and support from the attorneys. My legal writing has improved tenfold in only a month of working here, and listening to the attorneys strategize and argue in court has helped me to "think like a lawyer." Overall, the research projects I have worked on have added depth to the material I learned in my 1L and 2L classes, especially Criminal Procedure and Evidence. Perhaps most importantly, I've discovered that my future may lie in criminal prosecution rather than in patent or other intellectual property law.

Let me answer the question of why you should do an externship: "What's in it for me?"

From my experience, there are four

main reasons why an externship would be great for your inchoate legal career.

First, an externship, especially one at a U.S. Attorney's Office, looks fantastic when one is applying for judicial clerkships and law firm jobs. Judges like to see that future clerks have experience in criminal law, on which most of their dockets are focused. Also, a

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writing sample from your externship will weigh heavily in your favor, especially when compared to those on hippotherapy and dog bites!

Second, you will get ample opportunities to work on your legal writing and legal research. We all know that case club ends up being a colossal joke, and the confidence you will have when you start your 2L firm clerkship is immeasurable. In two days I learned how to use everything in the U.S. Attorney's law library, including both the books

and Westlaw.

Third, you will have numerous chances to go to hearings, trials, and other court-related events. Hearing oral arguments, watching cross-examinations, and seeing the attorneys apply what you've learned in class will help reinforce these concepts and help you better appreciate the classes you take when you return.

Finally, if you choose your externship wisely, you have the chance of making multiple connections in the place that you ultimately practice law. After just two weeks, I was invited to attend the Federal Bar Luncheon where I was introduced to all the attorneys present and I was personally introduced to all the judges in attendance. Also, in going to trial and meeting the attorneys who visit the office, I am making numerous connections in the Jacksonville legal community.

Overall, an externship is a nice way to take a well-deserved break from law school yet obtain knowledge that will significantly advance your legal career. If you think you may want to do an externship, see David Baum in the Records Office and he will help you plan one for next year.

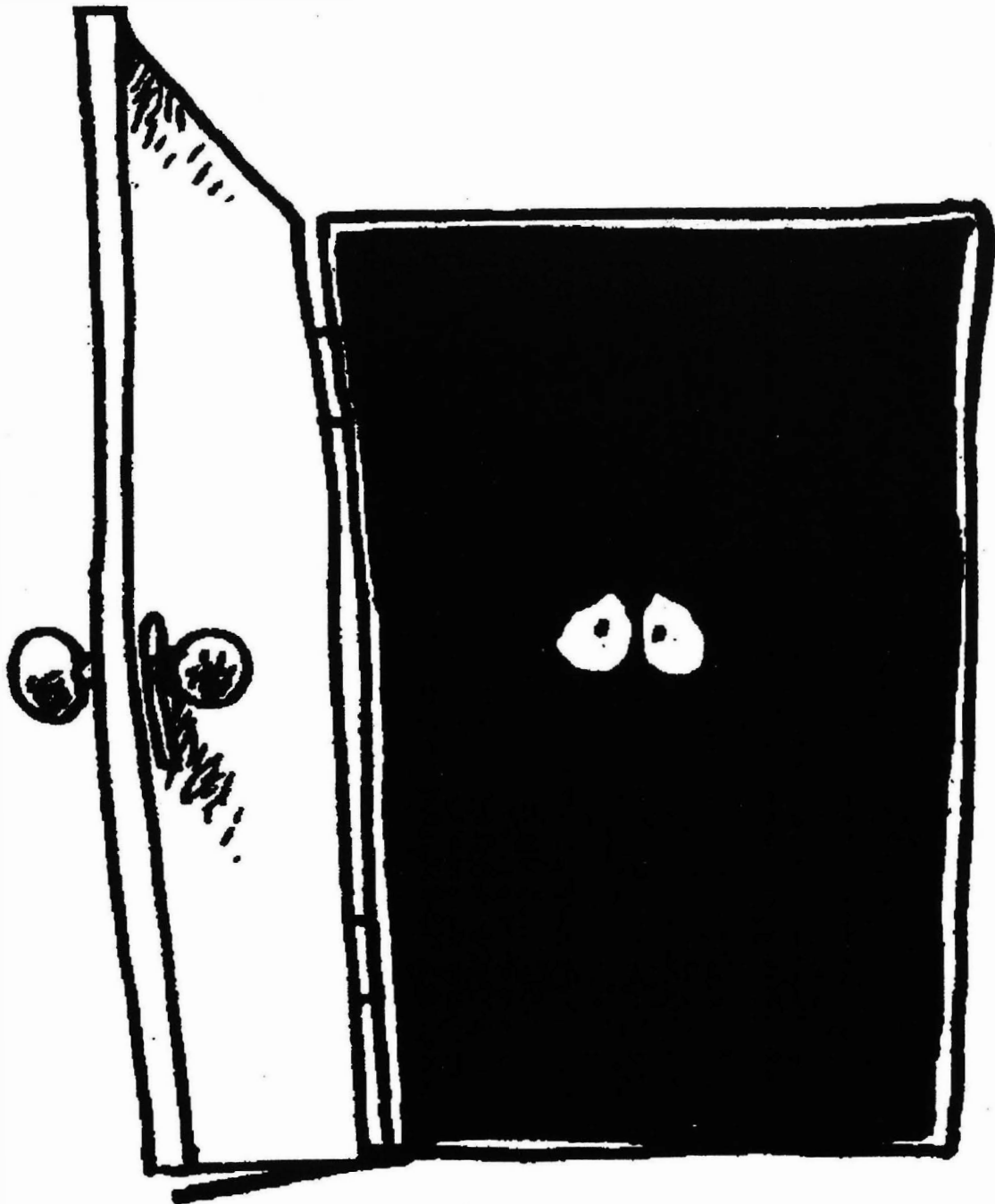


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### OFTEN-OVERLOOKED BENEFITS OF THE SUMMER STARTER PROGRAM

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3. Phil Lippman's disapproval of the program's mere existence may have been a factor in his decision to leave U.M.
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5. If it weren't for the summer program B & B wouldn't be here and you would have nothing to read in *The Res Gestae*.
6. Allowed RG Czar Jason Sanders the opportunity to pad his g.p.a. while everyone else was golfing.
7. You actually get to walk to class in nice weather once or twice.
8. You get to take English Legal History with A.W.B. Simpson, in its alternate guise — "Property."
9. The Second Year summer section got to hear Jerry Israel's famous hypo about Skinny and Bully, even if now Bully only washes Skinny's mouth out with soap instead of pelting him with bags of urine like in the good old days.
10. It's the only semester that's not chock full of visiting professors.
11. You can still graduate in approximately three years even after being forced to take a semester off to relieve your frustration with the Law School resulting from, depending on your personal beliefs, its status as either (a) a bastion of white male hegemony, or (b) a haven for ultra-liberal whiners.
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